

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION**

DEFENSE DISTRIBUTED; SECOND
AMENDMENT FOUNDATION, INC; and
CONN WILLIAMSON,

Plaintiffs,

V.

Civil Action No. 1:15-CV-00372-RP

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
STATE; MICHAEL POMPEO, in his official
capacity as Secretary of State;
DIRECTORATE OF DEFENSE TRADE
CONTROLS; MIKE MILLER, in his official
capacity as Acting Deputy Assistant
Secretary of Defense Trade Controls
; SARAH J. HEIDEMA, in her official
capacity as Acting Director, Office of Defense
Trade Controls Policy, Bureau of Political
Military Affairs, Department of State,

Defendants.

Protective Notice of Appeal

Plaintiffs Defense Distributed, Second Amendment Foundation, Inc., and Conn
Williamson appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from the final
judgment comprised of document number 112, the July 27, 2018 “Stipulation of Dismissal with
Prejudice,” and document number 113, the July 30, 2018 “Order.”

Plaintiffs file this notice of appeal protectively because the parties disagree about a procedural matter that impacts appellate deadlines. Specifically, a protective notice is called for by a dispute about the timeliness of Plaintiffs' post-judgment motion for relief under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 59 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60. Dkt. 117.

Plaintiffs submit that their motion for post-judgment relief was timely. *See* Dkt. 132 at 2-3. If so, “the time to file an appeal runs for all parties from the entry of the order disposing of the . . . motion,” Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(4)(A), which has not occurred yet. Defendants submit that the motion was untimely. *See* Dkt. 125 at 3-4. If so, the notice of appeal would be due “within 60 days after entry of the judgment or order appealed from.” Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(1)(B).

Hence, if Plaintiffs’ are correct about timeliness, a notice of appeal need not be filed at this time. But out of an abundance of caution, Plaintiffs file this notice protectively to guarantee appellate jurisdiction. This notice does *not* disrupt the need for a decision on Plaintiffs’ motion for relief under Rules 59 and 60. The Court should proceed to decide that in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served to all counsel of record through the Court's CM/ECF system on this 25th day of September, 2018.

/s/ Chad Flores

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